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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/336,091	Applicant(s) Van Snick et al.
Examiner Ron Schwadron, Ph.D.	Group Art Unit 1644

Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 29, 33, 37, 43, 50, 57, 61, 68, and 72, is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 29, 33, 37, 43, 50, 57, 61, 68, and 72, are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____.

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

--- SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ---

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:
 - I. Claims 1,2,5,7,9,11,14 are drawn to peptides and compositions containing said peptide, classified in Class 514, subclass 2.
 - II. Claims 16,18,21 are drawn to polynucleotides, classified in Class 514, subclass 44.
 - III. Claim 68 is drawn to T cells, classified in Class 435, subclass 372.3.
 - IV. Claim 72 is drawn to APC, classified in Class 424, subclass 93.7.
 - V. Claims 37,43,50 are drawn to methods of treatment using peptides, classified in Class 514, subclass 885.
 - VI. Claim 57 is drawn to methods of treatment using T cells, Class 424, subclass 534.
 - VII. Claim 23 is drawn to a method of cell separation, classified in Class 435, subclass 2.
 - VIII. Claim 29 is drawn to methods of detection using polypeptide binding agents, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.2.
 - IX. Claim 33 is drawn to methods of detection using T cells, classified in Class 435 subclass 29.
 - X. Claim 61 is drawn to methods of identifying a variant, classified in Class 530, subclass 402.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
 3. Inventions I-IV are different products. Invention I is drawn to peptides, while invention II is drawn to polynucleotides, while invention III is drawn to T cells, and invention IV is drawn to APC. These products are structurally different and have different art recognized uses. Inventions I and II are drawn to specific molecules while inventions III and IV are drawn to cells. Inventions III and IV differ in that the art recognizes that APC and T cells are two different and unique types of cells that are structurally and functionally not related. The products of inventions I-IV are recognized in the art as structurally and functionally distinct with different art recognized uses. Therefore they are novel and unobvious in view of each other and are patentably distinct.
 4. Inventions I and V/VII/X are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using

the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process such as immunogen for the production of antibodies which bind said peptide.

5. Inventions III and VI/IX are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process such as immunogen for the production of antibodies which bind said T cell.

6. Inventions V to X are different methods that use different ingredients to achieve different goals. The inventions are drawn to methods of detection versus methods of treatment versus a method of cell separation versus methods of identifying a variant wherein the aforementioned methods use different ingredients to achieve different goals. The various methods of treatment use different products that are structurally and functionally distinct. The various methods of detection use different products that are structurally and functionally distinct. Therefore they are novel and unobvious in view of each other and are patentably distinct.

7. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for any group from Groups I-X is not required for any other group from Groups I-X and Groups I-X have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

8. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

10. The following species requirement is required if applicant elects a group that recites a specific peptide with a specific SEQ. ID.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention which are the specific peptides encoded by the peptides disclosed in the SEQ. ID. listing. These peptides are different peptides with different amino acid sequences.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

11. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 at (703) 308-4242.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Dr. Ron Schwadron whose telephone number is (703) 308-4680. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 6:00. A message may

be left on the examiners voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Ms Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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